

Bossier Parish Community College Master Syllabus

Course Prefix and Number: Math 102

Credit Hours: 3

Course Title: College Algebra

Course Prerequisites: ACT score of 20 or higher, math placement test score, or a grade of “C” or higher in Math 099.

Textbooks: Blitzer, Robert. College Algebra, 5th edition. Pearson, 2010.
Trigsted, Kirk. College Algebra. Pearson, 2010. (online or computer-based classes)

Course Description: Topics from algebra including complex numbers; radical and rational equations; linear and quadratic equations and inequalities, absolute value equations and inequalities; lines and slope; graphs; inverse, exponential, and logarithmic functions; systems of equations and inequalities; conics; applications.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the student will

- A. solve equations and inequalities;
- B. compute the slope of a line, write equations of lines, and graph equations of lines;
- C. perform operations on functions;
- D. graph a quadratic function;
- E. perform operations on exponential and logarithmic functions and equations;
- F. solve systems of equations and inequalities;
- G. graph the conics.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will

(The letter designations at the end of each statement refer to the learning outcome(s).)

- 1. solve linear equations in one variable; (A)
- 2. solve application problems; (A)
- 3. solve quadratic equations; (A)
- 4. solve radical equations; (A)
- 5. solve linear inequalities; (A)
- 6. compute the slope of a line; (B)
- 7. write equations of lines; (B)
- 8. find domain and range of a function; (C)
- 9. graph functions; (C)
- 10. form composite functions; (C)
- 11. find the inverse of a function; (C)
- 12. recognize and graph parabolas; (D)
- 13. evaluate and graph exponential functions; (E)
- 14. evaluate logarithms; (E)
- 15. graph logarithmic functions; (E)

16. use the properties of logarithms; (E)
17. solve exponential and logarithmic equations; (E)
18. model exponential growth and decay; (E)
19. solve a linear system of equations; (F)
20. solve a nonlinear system of equations; (F)
21. solve a linear inequality; (F)
22. graph the ellipse, hyperbola, and parabola. (G)

Course Requirements: Take a comprehensive final examination.

Course Grading Scale:

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
0 – 59	F

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